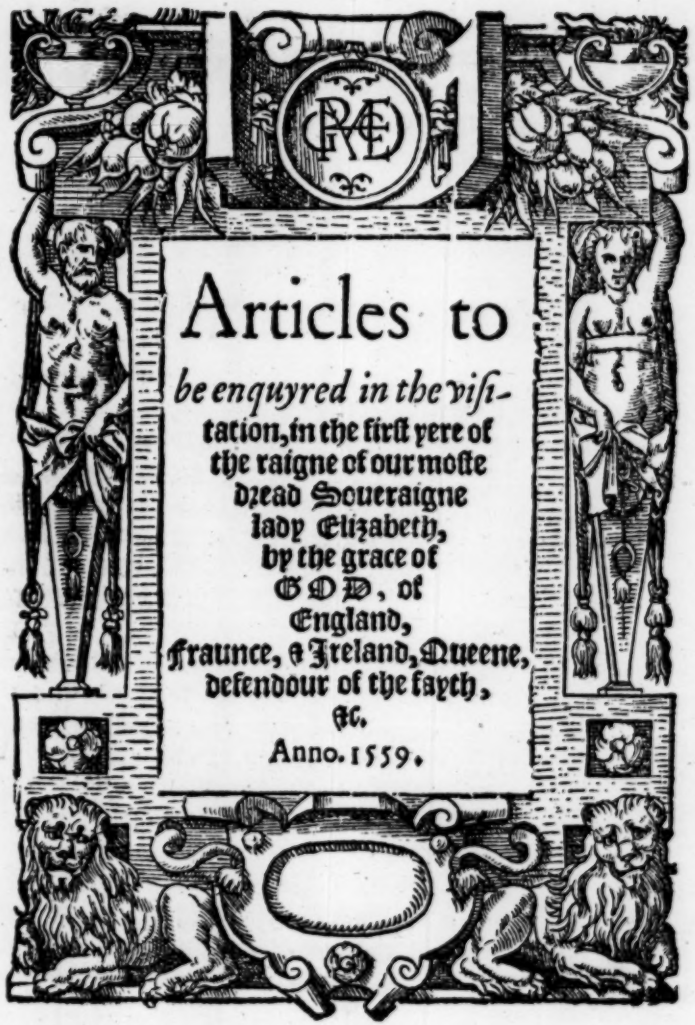

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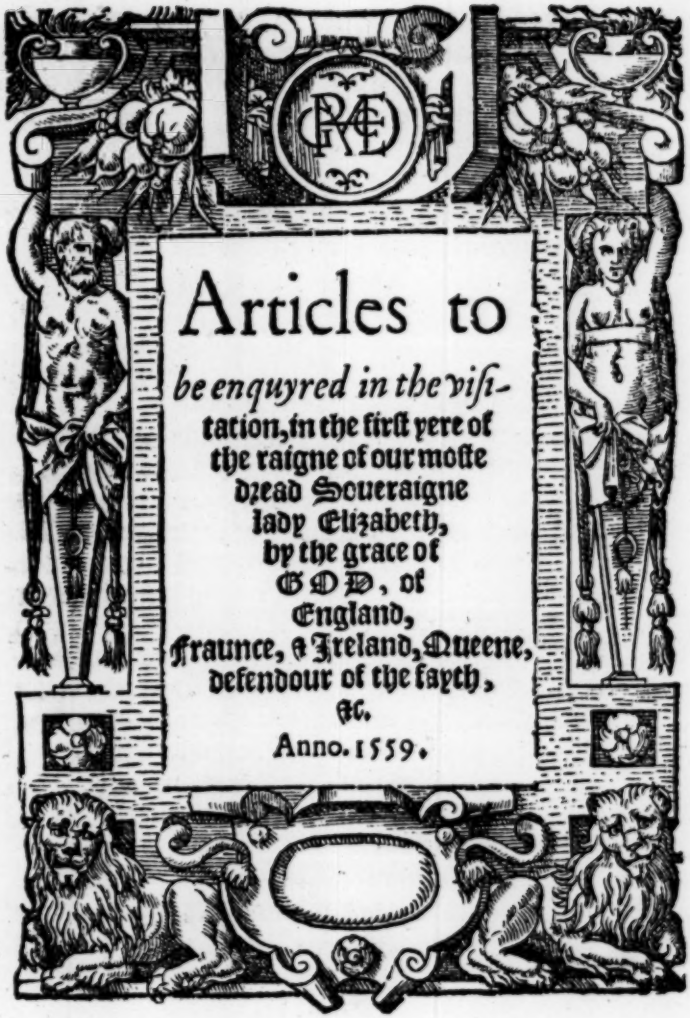

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nefice, dooyng his
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in theyr Churches and Chappels, all Images, False myra-
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ther monumentes of faigned and false myracles,
pylgrimages, idolatrie, and superstition, be remo-
ued, abolished, and destroyed.

Item, whether they doo not euerye Holy day 3
when they haue no Sermon, immediately after Lordes
the Gospell, openly, playnely, and distinctlye, re- prayer.
site to theyr Parishioners in the Pulpytte, the
Lordes prayer, the beleefe, and the ten commaun-
dementes in Englishe.

Item, whether they doo charge fathers and 4
mothers, maisters, and gouernours of youth, to To bryng
bryng them vp in somme vertuous study and oc- vp youth.
cupation.

Curates. 5 Item, whether suche Beneficed menne as be lawfully absent from theyr Benefices, doo leaue theyr Cures to a rude and vnlearned Parson, and not to an honest, well learned, and expert Curate, whiche canne and wyl teach you wholesome doctrine.

Readyng the scriptures. 6 Item, whether they doo discourage any person from readyng of any parte of the Bible, eyther in Latine or Englishe, and doo not rather comforte and exhorte euery person to reade the same at conuenient tymes, as the very lyuely woorde of God, and the speciall foode of mans soule.

Tauernes and games. 7 Item, whether Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and other Ministers, be common haunters and resorters to Tauernes or Alehouses, geuyng themselues to drynkyng, ryotyng, and playing at vnlawfull games, and do not occupie themselues in the readyng or hearyng of some part of holy scripture, or in some other godly exercise.

Preachers. 8 Item, whether they haue admitted anye man to preache in theyr Cures, not beyng lawfullye licensed thereunto, or haue benne licensed accordyngly.

Superstitiõ 9 Item, whether they ble to declare to theyr Parishioners, anye thyng to the extollyng or settyng foorth of vayne and superstitious religion, pylgrimages, reliques, or images, or lyghtyng

of

of candels, kyllyng, kneelyng, or dechyng of the same images.

Item, whether they haue one booke or regiſter kepte, wherein they wryte the day of euery wedding, chriſtenyng, and burying. 10 Regiſter.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people to obedience to the Queenes Maieſtie, and Miniſters, and to charitie and loue one to another. 11 Obedience.

Item, whether they haue admoniſhed theyr Pariſhioners, that they ought not to preſume to receaue the Sacrament of the bodye and blood of Chriſte, before they canne say perfectly the Lordes prayer, the articles of the fayth, and the ten commaundementes in Engliſhe. 12 The ſacrament.

Item, whether they be reſident vppon theyr Benefices, and kepe hoſpitalitie, or no. And if they be abſent and keepe no hoſpitalitie, whether they doo relieue theyr Pariſhioners, and what they geue them. 13 Hoſpitalitie

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parſons, Vicars, and Clarkes, hauyng Churches, Chappels, and Manſions, doo keepe theyr Chauncels, Rectories, Vicarages, and all other houſes appartenyng to them in due reparations. 14 Reparations.

Item, whether they doo counſayle or moue theyr Pariſhioners rather to pray in a tongue not knowen, then in Engliſhe, or put theyr 15 Prayer in Engliſhe.

Beades. ſtrukke in anye certayne number of prayers, as in ſaying ouer a number of beades, or other lyke.

16 Item, whether they haue receaued any perſons to the Communion, beyng openly knowen to be out of charitie with theyr neyghbours, or diffamed with anye notorious cryme, and not reformed. Diffamed perſons.

17 Item, whether they haue prouided, and haue a ſtrong Cheſt for the poore mens boxe, and ſet and faſtened the ſame in a place of the Churche moſte conuenient. Poore mens boxe.

18 Item, whether they haue diligently called vpon, exhorted, and moued their pariſhioners, and eſpecially when they make theyr Teſtamentes, to geue to the ſayde poore mens boxe, and to beſtowe that vpon the poore, whiche they were woont to beſtowe vpon pylgrimages, pardons, trentalles, and vpon other lyke blynde deuotions. Teſtamentes.

19 Item, whether they haue denyed to viſite the ſicke, or burye the dead, beyng brought to the Churche. Sicke. Buryall.

20 Item, whether they haue bought theyr Benefices, or come to them by fraude, guyle, deceipt, or ſymonie. Symonie.

21 Item, whether they haue geuen open monition [illegible] acte and preſente Adulterers.

to theyr Ordinarie, all adulterers, and fornicatours, and suche men as haue two wyues liuing, within theyr Parishes.

Item, whether they haue monished theyr Parishioners openly, that they should not sell, geue, nor otherwyse alienate anye of theyr Churche goodes. 22 Churche goodes.

Item, whether they or anye of them doo keepe mo Benefices and other Ecclesiasticall Promotions, then they ought to doo, not hauyng sufficient licenses and dispensations thereunto, and howe many they be, and theyr names. 23 Many benefices.

Item, whether they minister the holye Communion anye other wyse then onely after suche fourme and manner as it is set foorth by the common authoritie of the Queenes Maiestie and the Parliament. 24 Communion

Item, whether you knowe any person within your Parishe, or els where, that is a letter of the woorde of God to be read in Englishe, or sincerely preached in place and tymes conuenient. 25 Letters of the word & preachyng.

Item, whether in the tyme of the Letanie, or any other common prayer, in the tyme of the Sermon or Homilie, and when the Priest readeth the Scriptures to the Parishioners, anye person haue departed out of the Churche, without iuste and necessarye cause, or disturbe the 26 Goers out of the churche.

Minister other wyse.

27 Churche money. Item, whether the money commyng and rysyng of any Cattell or other moueable stockes of the Church, and money geuen and bequeathed to the fyndyng of torches, lyghtes, tapers, or lampes, not payde out of any landes, haue not benne employed to the poore mens Cheste.

28 Keepers of the churche money. Item, who hath the sayde stockes and money in theyr handes, and what be theyr names.

29 Contempte of Priestes. Item, whether any indiscreete person doo vncharitably contemne and abuse Priestes and Ministers of the Churche.

30 The kings Grammer. Item, whether there be anye other Grammer taught in any schoole within this Diocesse, then that which is set foorth by the auctoritie of king Henry the eyght.

31 The time of seruice. Item, whether the seruice of the Churche be donne at due and conuenient houres.

32 Talkers in the churche. Item, whether any haue vsed to commune, tangle, and talke in the Churche in the tyme of the prayer, reading of the Homilie, preachyng, reading or declaring of the scripture.

33 Heresies. Item, whether any haue wylfully mayntayned and defended anyheresies, errours, or false opinions, contrary to the fayth of Christe and holy scripture.

Item,

Item, whether anye be common drunkardes, swearers, or blaspheamers of the name of God. 34 Drunkards

Item, whether any haue committed adulterie, fornication, or incest, or be common bawdes, or receauers of suche euyll persons, or vehemently suspected of any of the premisses. 35 Adulterers.

Item, whether any be brawlers, slaunderers, chyders, scolders, and sowers of discord betweene one person and another. 36 Brawlers.

Item, whether you knowe anye that doo vse charmes, sorceries, enchauntmentes, inuocations, circles, witchcraftes, soothsaying, or anye lyke craftes or imaginations inuented by the deuyll, and specially in the tyme of womens trauayle. 37 Sorcerers.

Item, whether the Churches, Pulpyttes, and other necessaries apparteynyng to the same, be sufficiently repayred, and if they be not, in whose defaulte the same is. 38 Pulpittes.

Item, whether you knowe anye, that in contempt of theyr owne Parishe Churche, doo resort to any other Churche. 39 Resorters to other churches.

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alehouse kepers, do vse commonly to sell meate and drinke in the time of common prayer, preaching, reading of the Homilies, or scripture. 40 Inholders.

Deuorse. 41 Item, whether you knowe anye to be married within the degrees prohibited by the lawes of God, or that be separated or deuorsed without the degrees prohibited by the lawe of God, and whether any suche haue marryed agayne.

Priuie contractes. 42 Item, whether you knowe anye to haue made priuie contractes of matrimonie, not callyng two or mo witnesses thereunto, nor hauyng thereto the consent of theyr parentes.

Banes. 43 Item, whether they haue marryed solemnely, the banes not fyrst lawfully asked.

Executours 44 Item, whether you knowe any Executours, or administratours of dead mens goodes, which doo not duely bestowe suche of the sayde goodes as were geuen and bequeathed, or apoynted to be distributed among the poore people, repayring of hygh wayes, fyndyng of poore scollers, or marryyng of poore maydens, or suche other lyke charitable deedes.

Images. 45 Item, whether you knowe anye that keepe in theyr houses anye vndefaced Images, Tables, Pictures, Paintinges, or other monumentes of fained and false myracles, pilgrimages, idolatrie, and superstition, and doo adore them, and specially suche as haue bennie set vp in Churches, Chappels, or Oratories.

Bookes. 46 Item, what bookes of Gods Scripture you haue

haue delyuered to be burnte, or otherwyse destroyed, and to whom ye haue delyuered the same.

Item, what bribes the accusers, promoters, persecuters, Ecclesiasticall iudges, and other the Commissioners appoynted within the seuerall Diocesse of this Realme, haue receaued by them selues or other, of those persons whiche were in trouble, apprehended, or imprysoned for religion. 47 Bribes.

Item, what goodes moueable, landes, fees, offices, or promotions, hath benne wrongfully taken away in the time of Queene Maries raigne, from any person whiche fauoured the religion nowe set foorth. 48 Losse of goodes.

Item, howe many persons for religion haue dyed by fyre, famine, or otherwyse, or haue ben imprysoned for the same. 49 How many burnt.

Item, that you make a true presentment of the number of all the persons whiche dyed within your Parishes, sithen the feast of Saint John the Baptist, which was in the yeere of our Lord God, a thousande fyue hundred fyftie and eyght, vnto the same feast last past: makyng therein a playne distinct declaration, howe manye men, women, and men chyldren the same were, and the names of the menne. 50 Certificate of the dead.

Item, whether you knowe anye man in your 51 Secret maysters,

Parish, secretly, or in vnlawfull conuenticles, say or heare Masse, or any other seruice prohibited by the lawe.

52 Item, whether you knowe any person in your Parishe, to be a slaunderer of his neyghbours, or a sower of discorde betweene partie & partie, man and wyfe, parentes and theyr chyldren, or that hath inuented, bruited, or set foorth any rumours, false and seditious tales, slaunders, or makers, bringers, byers, sellers, keepers, or conueyghers of any vnlawfull bookes, whiche might stirre or prouoke sedition, or maynteyne superstitious seruice within this Realme, or any aydours, counsaylours, procurers, or mayntayners thereunto.

False rumours.

Vnlawfull bookes.

53 Item, whether the Churche of your Parishe be nowe vacant or no, who is the Patrone thereof, how long it hath benne vacant, who dooth receaue the tythes, oblations, and other commodities during the tyme of the vacation, and by what authoritie: and in what estate the sayde Churche is at this tyme, and howe long the Parson or Vicar hath had that Benefice.

Patron.
Tythes.
Vacation.

54 Item, whether any Minstrelles, or any other persons, doo vse to syng or say any songues or ditties that be vyle or vncleane, and especially in derision of any godly order nowe set foorth and established.

Minstrelles

55 Item, whether the Letanye in Englishe with the

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the Epiſtle & Goſpel, which was by the Queenes hyghneſſe Proclamation wylled to be read to the people, were put in vſe in your Churches, and yf not, who were the letters thereof.

Item, whether the Curates and Miniſters do leyſurely, playnely, and diſtinctly, reade the publique Prayers, Chapters, and Homilies, as they ought to doo. 56 Diſtincte readyng.

God ſaue the Queene.

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